

## MASONS ENJOY GALA OCCASION

Celebration of One Hundredth Anniversary by Petersburg Lodge.

### GOVERNOR-ELECT PRESENT

Negro, Just Released From Prison, Held as a Pick-pocket.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 15.

The celebration to-night by Petersburg Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, of the one hundredth anniversary of its charter, was an event of great interest to the Masonic fraternity. The ceremonies, which were elaborate and attractive, were held in the Masonic Temple, on Tabb Street, which was beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion. Aside from members of the order in the city, grand officers of the State and distinguished representatives from a distance were present, and contributed to the general enjoyment. The music of the evening was furnished by Stein's Orchestra. The assembly was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by Most Excellent B. F. Keeler, high priest, and after an invocation by the Rev. J. S. Foster, D. D., Most Excellent Elias Lyons Guy, grand high priest of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia, and other visiting grand officers were introduced.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Governor-Elect William Hodges Mann, of Tyrone Chapter, No. 8, Creve. His subject was "The Influence of Masonry on the Social and Political Life of Virginia." The benefits of Masonry in varied aspects were very ably and interestingly presented, and the address was heard with close attention throughout. Then followed the introduction of companions and guests to Grand High Priest Elias Lyons Guy and Hon. William Hodges Mann, the Governor-elect of Virginia. During the rendering of an orchestral selection the Governor-elect, the grand high priest and visiting grand officers inscribed their names on the records of the chapter.

Following these ceremonies the assemblage adjourned to the banquet hall, where an elaborate spread of substantial and deliciously tempted the appetite. Here, too, Grand High Priest Hugh Ritchie Smith presided as toastmaster. A number of addresses were delivered around the banquet table in response to toasts. The two formal toasts were "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia," which was responded to by Grand High Priest Guy, and "Petersburg Union Royal Arch Chapter," which was responded to by Grand Secretary James B. Blanks. The evening was one of rare pleasure.

December 15, 1909. The hundred years ago to-day, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia assembled in Masonic Hall, in Richmond, granted a charter to certain members of Blandford Lodge of Masons, emphasizing the theme of the chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and this centennial anniversary of this event was celebrated to-night.

### Election of Officers.

Several of the secret orders of the city at their meetings last night elected officers as follows:

Powhatan Tribe, No. 15, I. O. R. M.—Sachem, R. B. Brister; Senior Sagamore, W. S. Abernathy; Junior Sagamore, W. D. Shaker; Prophet, L. B. Hargrave; Chief of Records, E. D. Butler; Keeper of Wampum, W. T. Slaughter; Trustee, George F. Wright; Representative to Grand Council, George F. Wright. The tribe donated the sum of \$25 to the Petersburg Female Orphan Asylum.

Hollywood Camp, Woodmen of the World—Past Consul, C. C. Traylor; Consul-Commander, C. B. Williams; Adviser, Lieutenant, G. L. Wells; Banker, R. E. Mayes; Clerk, W. S. Williams; Recorder, M. E. Downing; Watchman, H. L. Brainer; Sentry, N. Edwards; Physicians, Drs. W. C. Powell and H. A. Burks; Managers, D. D. Eyer, one year; W. D. Mayes, two years; W. D. Mayes, three years. Blandford Lodge, No. 3, of Masons—Worshipful Master, H. P. Dalton; Senior Warden, Rev. J. S. Foster, D. D.; Junior Warden, C. L. Guthrie; Treasurer, W. W. Prinson; Secretary, T. J. Gills, Sr.; Senior Deacon, Rev. W. C. Taylor, D. D.; Junior Deacon, J. W. Hayes; Tiler, Joseph Williams; Illustrators, N. J. Clements; Chaplain, Robert Stewart; Stewards, C. E. Williamson and James Y. Branch; Property Committee, H. T. Matheson; C. E. Williamson and J. Y. Branch.

### Wedding Notes.

At 10 o'clock this morning at the residence of the bride's mother, on High Street, Miss Martha Virginia Hargrave, daughter of Mrs. H. V. Hargrave, was united in marriage to Richard Winfield Boisseau, of Prince George county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. C. Baxton Bryan, D. D., of Grace Episcopal Church. The wedding was quiet on account of recent affliction in the



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### Cake and Pastry Department

In this department the minutest details are carefully watched. The scales on which the sugar, butter, spices and all other ingredients are weighed are tested each day, in order that all of our products may be uniform. We mention this simply to show how carefully we are about the details.

The delicious flakey crispness of our pastry is beyond verbal description, as our numerous satisfied customers will agree. Just taste it once and no other will satisfy you. A word about

our Fruit Cake: We have a receipt which has been in Mr. Ross's family for sixty years, and if you don't select anything else from our store, we want you to be sure and get one of these Fruit Cakes. They cannot be made any better. You haven't the facilities at home for making or baking, and if you did you could not duplicate the receipt. Pound Cake, Layer Cake, Angel Food, etc. All sizes in stock and special sizes made to order. Our Wedding Cakes are simply superb. Any design carried out when specified in order.

### Special Ice Cream Orders

Always demand special attention and expert workmen. Our reputation has stood the test of thirty years, and to-day it is stronger than ever before. We have special dairy arrangements by which we get the purest cream, and although the price we pay is, as a rule, higher than others, still we are bound to maintain the reputation which has so long been established.

For the holiday season we would suggest some special designs that are appropriate to Christmas, such as Santa Claus, Holly Wreaths or Mistletoe. Other delicious suggestions from this department include Bisque, Nesselrode Pudding, Maron Pudding, Lalla Rookh, Tutti-Fruitti, Cafe Parfait, etc.

Our out-of-town Ice Cream business is growing rapidly. We are the largest shippers of Ice Cream in Richmond, and our many satisfied customers throughout Virginia and North Carolina are enthusiastic in their praise, not only of the quality of our Cream, but the quick, prompt service we maintain. A trial order is all that is needed to convince the most skeptical.

### Our Bread is Now Famous

And justly so. Our plant is a model one. From a sanitary standpoint it is surpassed by none. Its mechanical equipment is the most modern in every respect. New machinery of the most approved type has been installed. Our mixing machine is indeed a wonder, and our ovens are so arranged that the heat is under absolute control at all times.

Our Bread has that delicious flavor which can only be obtained by the use of our receipt. The best flour, shortening and yeast are used in such exact proportions that a bad loaf of bread from our ovens is an impossibility. Our bread is the kind mother used to make. The children know this, the parents know it also. If mother can make any better bread than this we will pay her a handsome price for her receipt. We have the best facilities for quick shipments, and our mail order department is thoroughly organized for taking care of our out-of-town patrons. Bread will be shipped the same day we receive the order. Write, wire or phone.

### A Word About Our Business

This business was begun in 1873, and since its inception has enjoyed a generous patronage, increasing each year in the volume of business. New energy and brains was put into it recently when Mr. C. F. Ross, who is the active head of the present concern, took charge. He is a practical man, one who has reached the top of his profession by hard study and practice. He personally superintends each and every detail, and the public is rapidly taking advantage of the

opportunity to be served by a man who knows the essentials of good catering, ice cream making and baking.

To those who live out of town we offer our mail order department and guarantee satisfaction. Reliable goods at reasonable prices.

### Choice Candy for Christmas

We handle as a specialty the following celebrated brands of Boxed Candies: "Whitman's," "Mallard's," New York and that famous Boston brand, "Apollo."

The packages this season are more attractive than usual, and the above brands need no introduction—they are old friends, tried and true.

You may, however, find other kinds in bewildering profusion, in both plain and fancy mixtures, at prices within the reach of every pocket-book.

Special prices on quantities for churches and Sunday-school celebrations.

Don't put off your holiday buying until the last moment. Give us your order now and we will send it when you say.

### A Free Gift to Customers

During the holidays we will give each of our customers absolutely free a Handsome Souvenir. It consists of a Beautiful Pocket Mirror, elaborately decorated, and will always reflect a smiling face when the owner has partaken of some of our delicious confections.

We wish to emphasize the fact that for every dollar or dime spent with us you will get full weight, correct count, absolutely pure products and your "money's worth."

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family of the bride. Only immediate relatives being present. Miss Mary Hargrave, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and George Boisseau, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride is a very charming and attractive young woman, and the bridegroom is a prominent and successful young business man of this county. The bridal trip will take in New York, Niagara Falls and other points North.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock this morning in the Bell Harrison Memorial Church in Prince George county, when Miss Julian Temple Darracott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Darracott, of that county, became the bride of T. Jones Harrison.

**Pickpocket Caught.**  
Preston Ross, a negro, was arrested last evening by Officer Williams, on the charge of picking the pocket of Marcus Davis, a colored farmer, and in the Police Court this morning the charge was clearly proved, and the accused was committed for trial. Ross was only released from the penitentiary on Monday, where he had been sent from Lynchburg.

The buildings on the sites purchased by the city for the erection of two large new public grammar schools were sold at auction yesterday, to be removed. On the site on Washington Streets stands the residence for many years owned and occupied by the Rev. J. M. Pilcher, D. D., which brought \$142 for the timber in it. A part of this residence was built largely over 100 years ago.

The December term of the Hustings Court will be opened to-morrow, but there will be no juries and no criminal cases will be tried during the term.

J. W. Camper, of Roanoke; Dr. Wil-

Ham Evans, of Norfolk; L. R. Smith and George W. Kinney, of Richmond, who, with Thomas B. Ivey, of Petersburg, constitute the executive board of the State Council of Virginia, Jr. O. U. A. M., arrived in the city this evening to hold a business meeting at their headquarters.

**Names Trustees for Property.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RAHEIGH, N. C., December 15.—The

will of the late Mrs. Florence P. Tucker makes ex-Judge T. B. Womack and Cary K. Dufrey, trustees for her property, real estate, stocks and bonds, aggregating very nearly \$1,000,000. The trust is for her children, who share equally. They are Mrs. John H. Winder, Mrs. James Boylan, Mrs. Ashby Baker, Mrs. E. H. Fillows, Mrs. W. H. Williamson, and three children of the late W. T. Tucker.

## "SNAG" PRESENTED TO EQUITABLE CONTROL

NEW YORK, December 14.—A temporary "snag" obstructs the transfer of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from Thomas F. Ryan to J. Pierpont Morgan.

State Insurance Commissioner Hotchkiss, who has shown in his few weeks in office unusual independence and force, believes that the great life insurance company, with its \$450,000,000 of assets should be re-examined by the State before any transfer of control be effected.

This means a thorough examination of anything done under the Thomas F. Ryan regime and a complete report upon the society's present condition. It is not implied that Superintendent Hotchkiss expects such examination of anything done under the Thomas F. Ryan regime and a complete report upon the society's present condition. But Mr. Morgan does not care to have such an overhauling made; he thinks it unnecessary. He believes

it might tend to reopen old wounds and disturb public confidence.

That the large policyholders of the Equitable are heartily in favor of Mr. Morgan's control of the company is said to be Superintendent Hotchkiss's belief, as Mr. Morgan touches no company that he does not improve; still the State superintendent insists upon making in his own way all the preliminary steps necessary.

The State superintendent went to Albany last night, and he refused positively to affirm or deny the rumored "hitch" in the transfer. He admitted that he had conferred with Mr. Morgan and expected to see him again. Mr. Morgan's partners were equally reticent. Mr. Perkins and Mr. Davison both declined to say a word.

Mr. Morgan's plans for the Equitable are so broad and masterful that they have made the Insurance Department "heads swim."

## Wins Prize for Best Ear of Corn Ever Produced



OMAHA, December 15.—Fred C. Pallen, of Newton, Ind., has the best single ear of corn in the world, while another Indian, J. B. Overstreet, of Franklin, has the best ten ears of corn the world has ever seen, according to the judges at the National Corn Exposition in session here, who have awarded the \$50,000 in prizes offered by the show, and have given first place in both sweepstakes to Indiana farmers.

More than that, G. L. Kerlin, of Franklin, Ind., won the prize offered for the best bushel of corn in the world, demonstrating that the Hoosier State has some superior seed corn which is a winner at any corn show.

This is the third successive year that the first prize for ten ears of corn has gone to Indiana.

For the best single ear of corn in the world Mr. Pallen has been awarded the Kellogg trophy, worth \$1,000; while Mr. Overstreet takes back to his State the \$1,000 silver trophy, offered by the Indiana Corn Growers' Asso-

ciation for the best ten ears. Last year it was won by L. B. Clure, who also won the trophy two years ago. The third winning gives the trophy to Indiana permanently.

"I spent seven years producing that ear of corn," said Mr. Pallen, who has produced the world's best ear. "My parent stock consisted of Reed's Yellow Dent seed, as the male plant, and the mother plant was from Alexander Gold Standard variety. The corn was planted two rows of Yellow Dent and then two rows of Gold Standard. The two rows of Standard were de-tasseled the first two years. This produced the seed from which the world's best ear of corn has been produced."

"My system of farming is to rotate wheat, oats and corn, and I used some commercial fertilizer. Farming 230 acres or land, the yield in the field from which this ear was selected, was about ninety bushels to the acre."

"The ear came from among those selected by my men for seed, and a soon as we examined it carefully, we decided it was a prize winner. The credit is due to my wife or hired men for selecting the ear. I don't take any credit for it."

"Place Sweetmen Than Pascal Ear. According to L. B. Clure, superin-

tendent of judges, the Pallen ear is not only the best ear of corn this year, but it is a finer specimen than the famous Pascal ear, which sold for \$550 two years ago.

"It is the best ear the world has ever produced," says Professor G. I. Christie, of Purdue University, who was one of the judges. "It is all corn—very little cob. The kernels are three-quarters of an inch deep, and in perfect rows."

"There is no way of telling its worth, no way of estimating the influence the seed from the ear will have on the corn of our State, and it is to be hoped some Indiana man will buy it." At the close of the exposition, December 18, the Pallen ear will be sold to the highest bidder. Judging by the prices paid for other famous ears of corn, it is expected the ear will sell for more than \$500.

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**Group 4**—Furniture for the dining-room, library, living room, drawing-room or bedroom. All woods and styles are represented in abundance, and there is not a want that we cannot supply at a most reasonable price.

**Group 2**—A very complete showing of Morris Chairs, Easy Chairs, Rocking Chairs, etc. The most exacting taste can be satisfied here. Especially do we call your attention to our Morris Chairs at only \$9.99.

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